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SUBJECT: RIFAI CALLS FOR CLARIFICATION OF PLO GOALS

1. IN LENGTHY TOUR D'HORIZON WITH LEBANESE WEEKLY
MAG AL-HAWADITH PUBLISHED IN BEIRUT LAST WEEK AND
PUBLICIZED IN AMMAN PRESS JULY 20, PM RIFAI CALLED
ON PLO TO DEFINE ITS OBJECTIVES. "THE PLO FACES THE
ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF DEFINING ITS IDEA OF THE RIGHTS
OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AND HOW TO ACHIEVE THOSE
RIGHTS. THE PLO MUST ADOPT ONE CLEAR STAND AND THEN
MUST REQUEST THE ARABS TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO IT.
EITHER THE PLO ACCEPTS A PALESTINIAN STATE ON THE
WEST BANK AND GAZA AND GOES TO GENEVA ON THIS BASIS,
OR IT ACCEPTS THE PARTITION PLAN OF 1947, WHICH
CONTAINS A RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL, OR IT TELLS THE
WORLD THAT IT DOES NOT RECOGNIZE ISRAEL. ...ONLY
THEN CAN THE QUESTION OF RIGHTS BE DIFFERENTIATED
FROM THE QUESTION OF OCCUPATION." RESPONDING TO
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QUESTION ON LIKELIHOOD OF NEW JORDANIAN AGREEMENT

WITH FEDAYEEN, RIFAI ANSWERED: "IT IS UP TO THE
PLO TO DECIDE HOW IT CAN REACH AN UNDERSTANDING
WITH JORDAN.- PM THEN POSED HIS OWN RHETORICAL
QUESTIONS: "CAN THE PLO IN ITS PRESENT STRUCTURE
GO TO GENEVA OR ACCEPT RESOLUTION 242? HOW CAN THE
PLO CREATE ITS OWN STATE ON THE WEST BANK AND GAZA
WHILE IT REFUSES TO NEGOTIATE WITH ISRAEL?"

2. PM NOTED THAT JORDAN CAN HELP BY PRESSURING
WORLD TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT PLO AS LEGAL REP OF
PALESTINIANS. "SOME 100 UN MEMBER COUNTRIES HAVE
ALREADY RECOGNIZED THE PLO, AND THE CAY WILL COME
WHEN THE WORLD WILL BE OBLIGED TO DEAL WITH IT.
THIS DOES NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT THE PLO SHOULD
NOT DECLARE WHAT IT WANTS AND WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT
IT NEEDS FROM THE ARAB NATIONS."
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